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Sr. Louis, March 21.-Cotton, 34e; flour, \$6 75@7 00; corn, 62@65c; oats, 45c; pork, \$26 121; lard, 19te; whiskey unchanged.

CINCINNATI, March 21.-Flour and wheat dull and unchanged; oats have advanced 1c; corn, 63c; whiskey unchanged; groceries and provisions dull; pork, \$25; bulk meats, sides, 13e; shoulders, 91c; bacon, shoulders, 13c; clear sides, 16c; lard, 18tc.

WASHINGTON, March 21.-The House was engaged in considering the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill to-day.

The vote on the amendment authorizing the appointment of a Solicitor for the State Department was taken, and the bill passed.

Also a bill to facilitate the commercial and military postal communications between the several States.

The President has recognized F. A. Southers as Consul from Wurtemburg, at

Galveston, Texas. San Francisco, March 21.—Honolulu died the next day. (It reminds us of dates to the 6th of February, state that Keats' "two brothers and their murdered the eruption of the great volcano has oeased. Mining stocks are improving.

favors buyers at 40c; flour more active; Government discovered a Fenian armory, whiskey \$2.28; coffee dull; ungar dell at whiskey \$2 28; coffee dull; sugar dull at 111@121c; molasses dull, Porto Rico 75c; mess pork \$25 75; lard 191c; money steady at 5@6c; sterling 8c; gold 28tc; Government stocks are unchanged, exchept 10-40's, which have declined &c.

The steamer New York sailed at noon for Aspinwall. Among her passengers were Thos. W. Knox and brother, who accompany the overland telegraph expedition from San Francisco through Siberia, China and Russia to western Europe.

WASHINGTON, March 21. - In the Senate, Brown introduced a bill to aid in constructing the Kansas and Nebraska railroad, connecting the great Lakes, Iowa, Missoari, Kansas and Texas with the Gulf of Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

LOUISVILLE, March 21.—The Soldiers' Sterling King, who confessed the at-

attempted to commit suicide this morning. His recovery is doubtful.

About Ghosts.

Ghosts, from the foundation of the world down to the present time, have been in the habit of obtruding themselves upon the notice of mankind. Not only ghosts, but also witches, hags, demons (e. g. the Battle Imp.) apparitions and shadows have at times convalsed mankind with awe and curiosity. Some-times ghosts come when they are called for, when the Witch of Endor invoked

frolicking.

We do not know that ghosts are given to whiskey, but many of them certainly behave very inexplicably. Perhaps it is because, as disembodied spirits, they are "out of their heads." There is no accounting for the freaks and whims of ghosts, and we have never yet seen any area with could keep the run of them. one who could keep the run of them. Sometimes they come about because they have been treated badl; at other times it seems to be gratitude for good treatment which attracts them around the ment which attracts them around the places of their former abode. They are prompt to reward kindness and avenge wrongs done to them in the flesh. They are singularly inconsistent, at times, in their behavior, and often make no dis-crimination between friends and foes in the dispensation of their annoyances. Generally they travel without the embar-rassment of their earthly tabernable, but occasionally they lug it along with them, to the offense and disgust of decent

An exceptional case of this character recently occurred at Grand Traverse, Michigan, which is backed up by the sworn affidavits of several respectable witnesses. A spiritual mediumess of that place, whose husband was a stubborn disbeliever in the "manifestations," born disbeliever in the "manifestations," assured him, in her dying breath, that she would re-appear to him in her body, at his death, to convince him of the truth of her belief. Some time after this he was taken sick, and a "spiritual" rumpus was kept up in the house until after his decease, which soon followed. Just before his death, which occurred at midnight, heavy and irregular steps. midnight, heavy and irregular steps were heard in the hall, the door was burst open and the stenchful remains of a human body, reeking with putresence, stalked into the room, and in a muffled voice reminded the dying man of the promise, and, as he died, fell a horrid mass upon the floor.

An examination of her grave proved it

to be empty. Our Western exchanges tell us that the story created intense ex-citement, and the house where the affair was said to have occurred was burned to the ground by the friends of the family. But, as we have intimated, ghosts do not generally appear in this way. This is the first instance (and we are well posted in ghosts,) in which we ever heard of a gobin bringing in his corpus along with him and leaving it upon the haunted premises. And the action of the wife seems to have been wholly unnecessary in this case; for as the husband was in the act of follow-ing her to the land of spirits at the time of her visitation, he would soon have learned whether she had told him the truth or not.

Nearly all neighborhoods and commu LOUISVILLE, March 21.—Leaf tobacco a locality not far from Charlottesville, is lower; sales to-day, 150 hhds; flour, which is reputed to be an old Indian the war-whoop and perform other strange antics every night.

While we were rubbing our heads against the walls of the University, a party of adventurous students thought they would investigate the habits of Chil-So one night they visited his stamp ing ground. With nervous apprehension and excitement they approached the spot, and sure enough, they were greeted with something between a whoop and a screech, which proceeded from a white object with horns and feathers upon its head. They took to their heels, of course, but subsequently learned that the source of their terror was the whistling of the wind through the cavities of an old ox's skull, which had been put on the top of a stump. We believe that most ghosts can b

vanquished by a good cudgel or Colt's revolver and the demonstration of sufficient nerve for their employment. -Richmond Times.

Sad Incidents of the Conspiracy.

There are two rather sad stories arising out of the Government action in the sup-pression. You remember a man named Clarke, shot, a few weeks ago, in the street in this city Two men, acquaint-ances of his, called for him, asked him to take a walk, and a third shot him. man" riding through Florence.) The true story of the tragedy is this: Claske was a "B," or Captain in the Fenian NEW YORK, March 21. - Cotton slightly | Society. He lived in a street where the his co-conspirators to have plenty of money; they suspected that he was spend-ing the Government reward for betraying the armory, when, in fact, he had not been in communication with the Government at all, and was simply "flush of cash," because he had received money H. MYERS, from friends in America.

After he was shot, he gave the police when dying, a long and detailed account of the men who walked out with him, and of the circumstances of the murder. account was purely fictitious, and invented by his dying, and, alas, lying lips, to screen the Brotherhood. Knowing he was shot by Fenians who unjustly sus-pected him, the poor fellow still "died game." Another story is of a man named Gillis. He was seized with other Fenians, and in his first fright he offered to turn informer to save himself. He was brought on the table io testify, and then brought on the table io testify, and then refused to say one word against his former associates. The police warned him of his fate, but he persisted; he was thereupon tried and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Meanwhile his wife and two younger children were lying in a fever hospital, and his two elder boys employed in a factory had been turned out of employment because the workmen threatened to strike unless the sons of the "informer" were expelled. All this accumulation of misery Gillis All this accumulation of misery Gillis knew when he refused to betray the Fenians, and yet the poor devil faced it all.

-London Telegraph, March 1

There is now lying at the wharf a steamboat called the Peter Balen, which is advertised to set forth upon a voyage of adventure to Idaho and the wanderful mineral regions of the far West. She

Samuel for the entertainment of Saul. At other times they present themselves unsolicited, as in the case of Banquo's ghost and the ghost of Hamlet's father. In most instances there are good and ghost and the ghost of Hamlet's father. In most instances there are good and sufficient reasons for the ghost's appearance to be found in the unsatisfactory condition of his affairs at the time of his death, or in the gross wrongs and injustice which had been perpetrated upon him while living. But in very many cases ghosts come back without any sort of rhyme or reason, and seem to take a malicious pleasure in supernatural frolicking.

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The Alabama Dead.

At the battle of Franklin, Tenn , there At the battle of Franklin, Tenn, there were eighty-nine Alabamians killed. The bodies were buried on the ground of a poor man, who is compelled to cultivate the land. It is desired that the bodies be removed, otherwise the plow will pass over and obliterate the graves of the brave sons of Alabama who there seemilised thair lives. Col. Like McGas. of the brave sons of Alabama who there sacrificed their lives. Col. John McGavock, of Franklin, proposes to give a lot of land for the reinterment of these bodies, and Mr. J. H. Bradley proposes to superintend the removal of all of them, and bury them in a decent manner, marking the graves with head and foot boards, and inscribing the names plainly boards, and inscribing the names plainly for the small sum of \$5.50 each.—Hunts ville Independent.

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